THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are no instructions requiring transfers of all Section Officers, Under Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries working within a Ministry after completion of certain period on one seat/office except those working in sensitive posts. However, transfers in these grades are effected as and when considered necessary from administrative point of view.

Eviction of VIPs and Officials from Government Accommodation

3185 . SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of VIPs and Government Officials evicted during the last two years who were occupying Government accommodation for several years after their entitlements ceased but refused to vacate the premises ;

(b) whether he has launched a determined "clean up" operation against illegal occupants, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 3rd April, 2000 under the caption "Government accommodation"; and

(c) if so, how many Government Officials entitled to types III, IV and V are still on the waiting list since 1990 and by when it is likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) 1343 houses/ premises have been got vacated after resorting to Public Premises Act.

(b) Yes, Sir. An intensive drive has been launched to end illegal occupation.

(c) On the basis of the restricted applications invited from the eligible applicants for allotment of General Pool houses for the new allotment year beginning 1-1-2000, the number of applicants still waiting for allotment of houses as on 19-4-2000 is as under :

Types	No. of Officials
Type–III	9954
Type–IV	3427
Type–V	1433

The allotment in various types depends upon availability of houses.

Foundations of Dwarka Sub-City affected by Saline Water

3186 . SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the foundations of the Dwarka sub-city in the capital are seriously affected with the rising level of saline water ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to identify the saline water pockets and to take remedial measures to save its foundations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that a view has been expressed about the rising level of saline water in the Dwarka sub-city.

(b) DDA is seized of the matter and they have been asked to take corrective action, if needed.

Setting up of Urban Development Fund

3187. SHRI R. S. GAVAI : will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up an urban development fund to expedite infrastructure facilities in small and medium urban towns ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether Government have decided from where the financial resources will be drawn for this Fund ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (e) No formal proposal has been made to set up an urban development fund to expedite infrastructure facilities in small and medium urban towns as the small and medium towns are covered under the centrally sponsored scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns.